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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR FINAL PHASE OF I-10 CARPOOL LANE PROJECT IN WEST COVINA

WEST COVINA – Caltrans today announced that construction has begun on more than 10 miles of new carpool lanes on the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10), which will ease congestion for the more than 200,000 motorists who travel the route daily in the San Gabriel Valley.

“Caltrans is working all over this state to improve traffic flow, reduce emissions and to save motorists time and money,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “These additional lanes are an example of some of the direct steps we’re taking to reduce travel times on some of the state’s most congested highways, including this vital route in the Los Angeles area’s regional freeway system.”

The \$195 million project will add one 5.2 mile-long carpool lane in each direction of I-10 between Citrus Street in West Covina and the Orange Freeway (SR-57). Soundwalls will also be constructed to reduce freeway noise in adjacent neighborhoods. This is the last of three projects that upon completion will create continuous carpool lanes between downtown Los Angeles and San Bernardino County, a distance of approximately 40 miles.

“This is one of our most important corridors in the county for moving people, goods and services, so easing traffic by adding HOV lanes here is particularly important,” said Metro First Vice Chair John Fasana.

The second phase of the I-10 HOV project between Puente Avenue in Baldwin Park and Citrus Street in West Covina, which began construction in 2014, is anticipated to be complete by spring 2019. Construction for the final segment of I-10 HOV lanes is anticipated to be complete by summer 2021.

Nearly 760,000 people per day ride on Los Angeles County’s 557 lane miles of carpool lanes. An additional 41 miles of carpool lanes are now under construction in the county and another 131 miles are in the design and planning stage. California has more than 1,600 lane miles of carpool lanes – the most in the nation.

The prime contractor for this project is Atkinson Construction of Irvine. Motorists are reminded to please “Move Over” and “Be Work Zone Alert.”

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